



TOWN OF MILFORD

PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

~ 2004 REPORT ~

Maintaining and enhancing Milford's attractiveness, as a place to live and conduct business, requires the daily regulatory oversight of land development activities, as well as the implementation of long-range community development efforts. Providing services that assist these purposes is the function of the Department of Planning and Community Development.

This Department provides assistance to the general public, as well as technical support to Town boards and commissions. This assistance includes guidance to property owners, boards, and commissions on land use regulations, maintenance of land records associated with development review, and master planning and long-range planning. The staffing of the office includes the Director of Planning and Community Development, a staff Planner, and an Administrative Assistant.

Development review is a major focus of the Department. Twenty-three subdivision proposals (ranging from simple lot line adjustments to complex multi-lot residential developments) were reviewed by the Department, which created a total of twenty-nine new building lots. The Department also reviewed twenty-nine non-residential site plan applications, which ranged from modest commercial additions and changes of building use to several major projects, including restaurants, churches, retail facilities, and industrial expansions.

This Department also provided continued technical support for the Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen, including the reviewing and rewriting of sections of the zoning, subdivision, site plan and other regulations; establishing and assessing impact fees; managing special projects such as the new pedestrian bridge over the Souhegan River; analyzing traffic and transportation, housing, economic development, town facility issues; and growth management. Additionally, in 2004 the Department supported such groups as the Capital Improvements Plan Citizen's Advisory Committee and the Facilities Master Plan Committee. As the Planning Board moves forward on growth management, the Department will focus on developing tools for the Town to implement the growth management initiatives – such as building permit phasing and limitations, rezonings, and regulatory changes.

The Department of Planning and Community Development is dedicated to serving the community by providing assistance in land-use related matters. As always, this Department strives to be open and customer service focused. Please feel free to communicate with us to have questions answered or concerns addressed by using the Town website at www.milford.nh.gov, by phone at 673-7964, or visiting the office in Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
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